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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CARR SHUM AR (PANERO, MARIA SUSANA)
SUBJ: STATUS OF CASE OF MARIA SUSANA PANERO

REF: STATE 197635

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS CASE CLOSELY. WE ARE IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH SUBJECT, HER PARENTS AND OFFICIALS OF MOFA AND MININT IN ATTEMPT TO EXPEDITE RELEASE OF SUBJECT FROM VILLA DEVOTO PRISON. SUBJECT HAS BEEN VISITED BY CONOFFS ON 14 DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, LAST VISIT HAVING BEEN MADE JULY 27. CONOFF ALSO DISCUSSED CASE WITH SUBJECT'S FATHER AND MOTHER (BOTH ARGENTINE NATIONALS) ON JULY 25, JULY 27, AUG 3 AND AUG 7. EMBOFF LAST CONTACTED MININT OFFICIALS AUG 1 TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF CASE.

2. LATEST INFORMATION RECEIVED BY EMBASSY INDICATES THAT SUBJECT'S CASE MAY RECEIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BY MININT AUTHORITIES. WHILE SUBJECT'S INITIAL REQUEST FOR OPTION TO LEAVE ARGENTINA WAS DISAPPROVED MAY 17, HER FATHER INFORMED CONOFF THAT GOA SOURCE IN CORDOBA HAD CONFIDENTIALLY REPORTED TO HIM THAT SUBSEQUENT REQUEST COULD BE APPROVED WITHIN NEXT 90 TO 120 DAYS.

3. AT THIS TIME, SUBJECT AND HER PARENTS FEEL LOW-PROFILE APPROACH IS BEST AND DO NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO HAVE INFORMATION RELEASED TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, PRESS OR GENERAL PUBLIC. SUBJECT'S

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PARENTS FEEL THAT SINCE CASE HAS REACHED CRUCIAL STAGE, AIRING IT IN PUBLIC AT THIS TIME MIGHT BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

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THESE ARE THE WISHES OF SUBJECT UPON ADVICE OF HER PARENTS.
SUBJECT INFORMED CONOFF SHE DESIRES TO PURSUE THIS COURSE
OF ACTION UNTIL SHE NOTIFIES EMBASSY TO THE CONTRARY.

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS TO
MOFA AND MININT AND INFORM DEPARTMENT OF SIGNIFICANT
DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR IN THIS CASE.
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